

Introduced by Senator ChesbroFebruary 20, 2004

An act to amend Section 12798.1 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to pest control.

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SB 1650, as introduced, Chesbro. Pest control: Pierce's disease.

Existing law appropriates \$750,000 each year for 3 specified fiscal years from the General Fund to the Secretary of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of funding, on a competitive basis, Pierce's disease research. Existing law also requires the secretary to appoint an advisory task force consisting of scientific experts, including, but not limited to, university researchers and agricultural representatives, for the purpose of advising the secretary on research to control and eradicate Pierce's disease. Existing law repeals this provisions on January 1, 2005.

This bill would delay the repeal to an unspecified date.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12798.1 of the Food and Agricultural
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 12798.1. (a) In addition to the program described in Section
- 4 12798, the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000)
- 5 is hereby appropriated each year for each of the following fiscal
- 6 years, 1999–2000, 2000–01, and 2001–02, from the General Fund
- 7 to the Secretary of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of
- 8 funding, on a competitive basis, Pierce Disease research. The



1 disbursement of these funds shall be exempt from the requirements
2 of Sections 12798 and 12798.6.

3 (b) The appropriation for each year pursuant to subdivision (a)
4 shall become operative only upon an annual commitment during
5 that year of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)
6 in private contributions from the California viticulture and
7 enology industry.

8 (1) The secretary shall appoint an advisory task force
9 consisting of scientific experts, including, but not limited to,
10 university researchers and agricultural representatives, for the
11 purpose of advising the secretary on the control and management
12 of Pierce Disease. The task force, in consultation and cooperation
13 with the American Vineyard Foundation, shall make
14 recommendations to the secretary on projects to be conducted in
15 a competitive grant program for Pierce Disease research. The
16 program is open to all California public institutions with research
17 capabilities to address the needs of the California viticulture and
18 enology industry.

19 (2) Members of the advisory task force, or alternate members
20 when acting as members, may be reimbursed, upon request, for
21 necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their
22 duties.

23 (c) This section shall remain in effect until January 1, 2005
24 _____, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
25 that is enacted before January 1, 2005 _____, deletes or extends that
26 date.

